

Appendix A

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APPLICANT: **Kimbo Mundy *et al.***
SERIAL NO.: **09/662,737** GROUP ART UNIT: **3691**
FILED: **September 15, 2000** EXAMINER: **Olabode Akintola**
FOR: **A System for Aggregating
Information from Enterprises
Offering Items for Exchange
Over a Communication Network**

Attorney Docket No.: BDE-001CN (431/6)
(L9090/269360)

RULE 1.131 Declaration

I, Jay Walters, having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein, declare as follows:

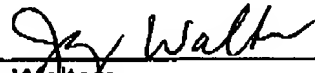
1. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application.
2. I conceived and reduced to practice in the United States the invention that is claimed in the application prior to June 23, 1999.
3. The Specification identifies www.biddersedge.com as an exemplary system web site on page 18, line 3 and Figures 6-12 illustrate various web pages associated with the Bidder's Edge web site. Copies of page 18 of the Specification and Figures 6-12 are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
4. The website at www.biddersedge.com was launched prior to June 23, 1999. A copy of a web page from www.biddersedge.com that was available prior to September 3, 1999 is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Exhibit B was obtained from the Internet Archive Wayback Machine (http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://biddersedge.com) on July 10, 2007.
5. Figure 6 illustrates categories (626) and search parameters (624, 628 and 630). Exhibit B illustrates the use of categories and an advanced auction search that allowed a user to specify a class of items or a category. Although the format of Exhibit B differs from the format of Figure 6, the categories and search functions provided by

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the Bidder's Edge website prior to June 23, 1999 were equivalent to those described in the specification and illustrated by Figure 6.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing on this application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
26th day of July, 2007.



Jay Walters